

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automatic banding packing machine in which
at a step of

feeding a tip portion of a band to a band guide arch
5 by band feeding means and

then causing a right presser member, a left presser member
and a middle presser member, which are arranged straight below
a slide table, to approach or separate from the slide table
in a predetermined timing by a rotation of a cam shaft,
10 the tip portion of the band is clamped by the right presser
member,

a rear end side of the band is pulled back by band pull-back
means in this state, and

the band is tightened by band tightening means, and
15 the band is lifted by the middle presser member and is
cut by a cutter, and

a heater is inserted to freely appear on a superposing
portion of the band, thereby melting a surface of the
superposing portion of the band and

20 further pressing the rear end side of the band by the
middle presser member,

wherein when the rear end side of the band is to be pulled
back by the band pull-back means, an amount of the pull-back
is detected by detecting means, and

it is decided that idle banding of the band is carried out when a length of the band thus pulled back is greater than a preset length of the pull-back of the band corresponding to a minimum packed article which can be packed, and

5 the rotation of the cam shaft is temporarily stopped based on a signal,

whereby the timing of the pressing to be carried out by the middle presser member, which is operated after melting the superposing portion of the band by means of the heater,
10 is delayed in a predetermined time.